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From the Editor

Welcome to the latest late issue of the Nebraska Numismatic Association Journal. For reasons both in and out of the editor's control, this month's edition should have been mailed several weeks ago but was not. I can assure the readership and advertisers that they will receive all four issues of the Journal during this year and ask their forbearance during this time of transition and upgrade.

One of the reasons this issue was late was the need to include some of the official announcements and proceedings of the organization that must be published after the annual business meeting, which occurred March 25-27 in Omaha. A second business meeting that occurred April 6-7 in Fremont also impacted this issue. The minutes of these meetings were not received in this office in time to make the deadline.

But that was not the only reason this issue of the Journal is late. Your editor spent the better part of March and April finishing his doctoral dissertation, a process that consumed every hour of his days and most nights for two months, leaving no time for editing. Now that project is finished, we hope to move on to making the Journal an even more relevant publication for the collectors of this state.

We begin by welcoming three new members to the organization. Mitch and Samuel Ernst are a father and son collecting team from Omaha. Samuel is an enthusiastic YN and both are already members of the Omaha Coin Club. Say hi to Mitch and Sam should you happen to see them. Our third new member, Harry Salyards, hides out incognito in Hastings. Dr. Salyards is better known nationally than locally as the long-time editor of Penny Wise, the official journal of the Early American Coppers Club (EAC) and one of the two most important publications on colonial coinage currently offered. He is also a potential candidate to the Nebraska Numismatic Hall of Fame. Welcome to Dr. Harry as

From the Editor (cont.)

well. (Did they mention to you three when you signed up the long-held tradition that all new NNA members treat the Journal editor to lunch? They didn't mention it? Hmm, someone better review the by-laws).

The second item of significance concerns the advertising rate increase that has been mentioned in previous issues. As foreshadowed earlier, the NNA Board voted to ever-so-slightly increase the advertising rate for the Journal as part of the overall upgrade we are giving to the official organ of the Association. Under the new rates, the cost of a full-page ad in the Journal increases from \$10 to \$15, and so on accordingly down to the one-eighth page ad coming in at \$2.00, up fifty cents from its twenty-year low (see Page 1 for the complete breakdown). These rates are still a tremendous bargain and the NNA remains the cheapest state organization dedicated to numismatics in America.

Last issue we mentioned that all of America is celebrating the 400th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. Because Franklin's numismatic contributions were so significant, the coin community is commemorating this great American throughout the year in various ways and it was suggested NNA members might come up with some sensible projects that could best draw attention to the man's numismatic legacy. To date, our efforts equal that of the mothership American Numismatic Association, who named Franklin their theme for this year's National Coin Week celebration, then did virtually nothing to support the event, including bothering to put up the "National Coin Week" banner at headquarters as in years past. NNA members need to hold our banner high and not allow this opportunity to honor Benjamin Franklin to pass. Send your suggestions to the editor.

Besides covering the business aspects of the organization, this issue of the Journal includes a follow-up story on the successful release of the Nebraska state quarter. The review of Nebraska museums with numismatic collections will resume next issue with a look at the coins recovered from Ft. Atkinson.

From the Editor (cont.)

By the way, how many new NNA members were you able to sign up this month? Two? Three? Since we only have about 100 members, the addition of even a single person to our rolls makes a huge difference. So go ahead, make a difference, and sponsor someone's membership for them. Send \$5.00 dues to Matt Hansen, Treasurer, c/o Nebraska Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 5575, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Until next issue,

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Letters to the Editor

There is indeed a "story" on the date 1906 for Lincoln Federal S & L ("Unofficial Business: 2005 MINA Award" Jan 2006). The logo was done when Georgia Ann Maixiner was an officer in the Lincoln Coin Club, so some of us had an inkling of what was being done, if not why. The company was told by counsel that they could not use 1909 since it was an actual Lincoln cent date. I'm quite sure this was not true but I wasn't actually asked. The entire logo is replicated in each branch and features a large, perhaps 36" Lincoln Cent done in first plaster and now probably plastic. When they replaced one of their buildings, I tried to buy one of them but they demurred.

Jim McKee
Lincoln, NE

I am a NNA member in search of a 2005 silver Panda (proof) commemorating the 20th anniversary of Industry and Technology. I read about them in Coin World about a year ago and have checked with several dealers on how to acquire one but have come up empty. If any one in the NNA could help me with my search, I would greatly appreciated it.

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NNA Annual Business Meeting--March 25, 2006

NNA 1st Vice President Francis McGovern called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Members Present: Francis McGovern, Quent Hansen, John Veach, Chuck Berger, Buzz Rumbaugh, Roger Bolz, Ken Graham, and Matt Hansen

Secretary/Treasurer Matt Hansen read the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting. Moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Matt Hansen gave a financial report for the fiscal year ending 03/24/2006. The ending checking account balance was \$2,636.31. This does not reflect any bills or profits associated with the 2006 NNA Convention since these have yet to be received. The financial report was accepted.

A financial report for the 2006 NNA Convention will be published in the NNA Journal as soon as the figures are received by the Secretary/Treasurer from the Omaha Coin Club.

Chuck Berger inquired about the certificate(s) of deposit that the NNA has. Matt Hansen said that he found out that the Association currently has one certificate of deposit in the amount of \$8,000 with U.S. Bank. [It was later learned that this certificate is currently on 36 month renewal cycles and was last renewed in early 2005] Matt Hansen said he would check to see whose names (of officers or the Association) are on the current certificate to see in they need updating.

Since no other coin club in the state has offered to host the 2007 NNA Convention, the standing offer of the Lincoln Coin Club to host any convention for which no other club has offered to serve as host was accepted. Some discussion about the site of the 2008 NNA Convention was held, and President Ken Graham and

Business Meeting (cont.)

Past President "Buzz" Rumbaugh agreed to look into potential convention sites in Grand Island. It was moved and seconded to award the 2007 NNA Convention to Lincoln and give tentative approval to hold the 2008 NNA Convention in Grand Island. The 2009 NNA Convention has already been requested by the Fremont Coin Club in conjunction with that club's 50th Anniversary. Passed unanimously.

Francis McGovern suggested that a list of NNA Convention procedures be gathered together and sent to all host clubs in the state so that they will be aware of the responsibilities and events connect with hosting an NNA Convention (banquet, YN Auction, etc.). Secretary/Treasurer Matt Hansen said he would gather this information from the past convention materials given him by past Secretary/Treasurer Steve Drake and put together an information packet for review and approval of the NNA Executive Board.

It was suggested that the NNA consider a different annual meeting time in order to get better attendance at the Annual Meeting. Many of the members are dealers and have difficulty getting away from their tables while the bourse is open to attend a meeting. It was moved that the annual meeting for the 2007 NNA Convention be held immediately following the close of the bourse on the Saturday of the show (time to be determined based on when the host club wishes to close the bourse). Seconded and passed unanimously.

"Buzz" Rumbaugh suggested that future host clubs consider show locations where there is a restaurant nearby or attached to the convention site. This makes it more convenient for dealers.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by President Ken Graham at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Hansen, NNA Secretary/Treasurer

Nebraska Numismatic Association
Show Expenses & Income
March 25, 26, 2006
Omaha, NE Days Hotel

Expenses:

Days Hotel 2 days	\$2,000.00
Security	210.00
Adv. Omaha World Herald	114.84
Adv. Lincoln Star Journal	96.46
Adv. Coin World	55.00
Printing show bills, etc	50.50
Postage-mailing bourse applications	23.40
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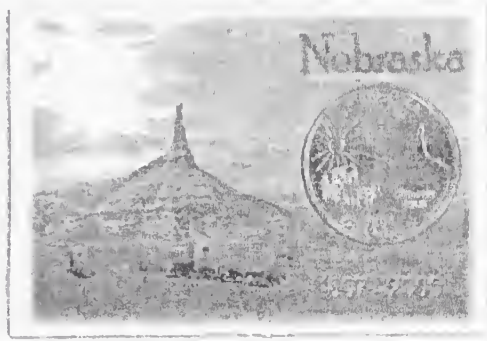
Income:

Table Rent	\$2,810.00
Profit from Show	\$259.80
50% to NNA	\$129.90
Banquet	
Days Hotel Catering	< \$571.20>
Income from tickets sold	380.00
Operated at a loss of	<191.20>
NNA covers the loss from the Banquet	<191.20>
Profit from the show	+129.90
Balance due the Omaha Coin Club	\$61.30

Submitted by Chuck Berger Treasurer OCC

Nebraska State Quarter Released

Government gives out free money



Mass production of the Nebraska State quarter began March 13 with a special striking ceremony at the Denver Mint attended by twenty-six lucky Nebraskans. The festivities marked the official unveiling of the state's coin design of a pioneer family in an ox-driven wagon passing Chimney Rock, the 325-foot monolith that rises from the valley of the North Platte River. Approximately 70% of all pioneer diaries mention the familiar landmark on the old Oregon Trail. The delegation was led by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale, who was given the honor of striking the first coin on the Mint's Schuler coining press.

Plant manager Tim Riley started the ceremonies with a speech about the Mint's State quarter program. John Munn, co-chair of the State quarter dollar design selection committee, then talked about the symbolism of the Nebraska's design. The image was selected from 6,500 entries, with Governor Dave Heineman making the final pick from a group of four finalists. Others in attendance at the first strike ceremony included State Senator Philip Erdman, Ann Masters of the Nebraska Department of Education and Wymore coin dealer Virgil Marshall. Despite being allowed to push the button that struck one of the quarters, the delegates were not allowed to keep the coins they made until the general release of the Nebraska quarter on April 7.

State Quarter (cont.)

On the date of the official release, Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman hosted three different celebrations across state. The first event was the official launching ceremony at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, where a crowd of almost 4,000 students and visitors were entertained and given free souvenir quarters. That event began at 9:45 and included a play called "Where Our Journey Began." Various high school bands and dancers also entertained the crowd. Gov. Heineman and first lady Sally Ganem were joined by acting director of the US Mint David Lebryk and Treasury Assistant Secretary Sandra Pack. Ganem was chairwoman of the committee arranging the celebration.

From Lincoln, Heineman and his entourage flew to Kearney, where they attended the second staged event at Foster Field on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Kearney. "Mountain Man Jack," portrayed by UN-K drama and theater teacher Jack Garrison, welcomed the governor to a program that included high school fiddlers, a madrigal group, Omaha Native American Dancers and the Fort Kearny Reenactors.

Then it was on to the third celebration in the Scottsbluff area, relatively near Chimney Rock. Originally the program was to be held at the Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering, but severe weather forced a change in location to Western Nebraska Community College. Heineman and wife arrived at the event in an ox-drawn wagon, mimicking the scene depicted on the coin (so now we know who is in the wagon!). Nebraska is the first state to have three ceremonies in different parts of the state; Tennessee and Florida both had dual ceremonies.

A total of 15,000 sealed plastic holders were assembled by Awards Unlimited, a Lincoln firm. Each holder contained both a 2006-P and 2006-D mint-marked quarter set against a photograph of Chimney Rock. Approximately 8,000 sets were given away free; an additional 7,000 sets were purchase for \$5.00 each by various banks for distribution to their employees or sold via telephone beginning April 3, the same day the Mint began selling rolls and bags. The coins and packaging were paid for

State Quarter (cont.)

by private donations, with the Nebraska State Historical Society benefiting from the money being raised.

According to NSHS director Ann Billesbach, who was also a member of the Nebraska State quarter committee, the Society could earn as much as \$75,000 from the sale of the coins. The money will be used to support the Society's educational programming. Unexpected demand for the coin sets has triggered plans for second release, with a holder of a different design. The sets are already being offered at premium on eBay auction sites.

Nebraska is the 37th state to participate in the State quarter program and is the second of five states to be commemorated this year. Nevada's design was struck at the beginning of the year, with Colorado's design to follow Nebraska's. If you have not yet found a Nebraska quarter in circulation, keep looking: the government estimates it will make almost a quarter billion of them in the next few months.



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